II.   CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of printing media comprising:

accumulating post processing instructions for printed media during printing operations;

recording the post processing instructions on a transportable electronic information device without marking any media with the post processing instructions;

transporting the electronic information device with the printed media from an online printing/copying system where the printing operations occur to a separate offline post processing system where the post processing occurs; and

playing back the post processing instructions at the offline post processing system for controlling offline post processing of the printed media.

2.   (Cancelled)

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein accumulating post processing instructions comprises compiling post processing instructions from each of a plurality of printing modules.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein recording the post processing instructions comprises:

conveying the accumulated post processing instructions to an individual one of a plurality of printing modules; and

recording the accumulated post processing instructions by way of a link between the individual one printing module and the information device.

5.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein playing back the post processing instructions comprises:

conveying the post processing instructions from the information device through a link to the post processing system; and

routing the post processing instructions to one or more post processing modules for performing the offline post processing.

6. - 8. (Cancelled)

9.   (Currently Amended) A printing system comprising:

an online printing/copying operation having a controller for determining post processing instructions for printed media and for recording the post processing instructions on a transportable electronic information device without marking the post processing instructions on any media;

an offline post processing operation operable to play back the post processing instructions from the transportable electronic information device for controlling offline post processing of the printed media; and

a holding device for conveying the printed media and the transportable electronic information device together from the online printing/copying operation to the offline post processing operation.

10. (Cancelled)

11.   (Original) The printing system of clam 9, wherein the online printing/copying operation further comprises a plurality of printing modules, and the post processing instructions are compiled from each of the plurality of printing modules.

12.   (Original) The printing system of clam 11, further comprising:

a final printing module where post processing instructions are accumulated from the plurality of printing modules; and

a link for recording the accumulated post processing instructions from the final printing module to the information device.

13.   (Original) The printing system of clam 9, wherein the offline post processing operation further comprises:

one or more post processing modules for performing the offline post processing;

a link, connected to at least one of the one or more post processing modules for playing back the post processing instructions for use by the one or more post processing modules.

14.   (Previously Presented)

A computer useable medium having computer readable code means embodied therein for causing a computer to print media, the computer readable code means comprising:

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to accumulate post processing instructions for the printed media during printing operations;

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to record the post processing instructions on a transportable electronic information device without marking the post processing instructions on any media; and

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to play back the post processing instructions for controlling offline post processing of the printed media from the transportable electronic information device after the electronic information device together with the printed media has been transported from an online printing/copying system where the

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printing operations occur to a separate offline post processing system where the offline post processing occurs.

15.   (Previously Presented) The computer useable medium of claim 14, wherein the computer readable program code means for causing a computer to accumulate post processing instructions comprises computer readable program code means for causing a computer to compile post processing instructions from each of a plurality of printing modules.

16.   (Previously Presented) The computer useable medium of claim 14, wherein the computer readable program code means for causing a computer to record the post processing instructions comprises:

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to convey the accumulated post processing instructions to an individual one of a plurality of printing modules; and

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to record the accumulated post processing instructions by way of a link between the individual one printing module and the information device.

17.   (Previously Presented) The computer useable medium of claim 14, wherein the computer readable program code means for causing a computer to play back the post processing instructions comprises:

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to convey the post processing instructions from the information device through a link to the post processing system; and

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to route the post processing instructions to one or more post processing modules for performing the offline post processing.